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Applicant: Black et al.)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please add new claim 44 as follows:

44. A railway car capable of transporting automobiles in commercial rail service, said car comprising a floor, a roof, a pair of upstanding side walls, a pair of end doors, and at least one upper deck spaced above the floor of the car so that automobiles may be supported on at least two levels;

each of said upstanding side walls comprising a plurality of substantially vertical posts supporting said at least one upper deck and roof, and

a plurality of side wall panels connected to said substantially vertical posts;

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each of said side wall panels extending substantially the entire height of said side wall, and some of said side wall panels having a plurality of separate groups of perforations for ventilation and lighting formed therein, with other portions of the side wall panels being imperforate to reduce admission of airborne particulates;

said groups of perforations being spaced inward from the edges of the panel and being spaced vertically from one another in each panel.

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Remarks

New claim 44 has been added to further describe the invention. Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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